

BRIEFLY TOLD

Three cowboys will make the trip from Yellowstone National Park to New York City on horseback without purchasing fresh horses. They are to dress in typical western style and expect to arrive in New York City on January 1.

The belt buckle of a Hessian soldier, who took part in the Revolutionary War, was discovered recently on the site of an old Revolutionary hut cantonment. This buckle is in a perfect state of preservation. It is of bronze, engraved with the monogram "F. F." surmounted by a crown with ermine tails below. Evidently the F. F. stands for Fuerst Frederick, the regiment of the Hessian army which was brought over to fight Washington's troops.

The U. S. S. Pecos is capable of supplying fuel oil to four vessels at the same time, while moving at sea. Two vessels can be bunkered from the stern and two from the sides.

Holland auctioneers start at a high figure and gradually reduce until a bid is received.

African children are taught to balance a calabash on their heads while learning to walk. Thus they learn their first duty in usefulness at an early age.

The remains of "John Daniel," the gorilla that recently died in America, are being studied by scientists. Casts of the head and face have been made, finger prints have been taken and the brain and body are being dissected by specialists.

An airplane flight to the North Pole will be attempted by an American aviator, who intends to start from Point Barrow, Alaska, and plans to reach the northwestern corner of Spitzbergen. From Spitzbergen he proposes to fly via Norway to England. Sufficient fuel will be carried for a 50-hour flight and if it is impossible to make landings on the polar ice the 1,800-mile flight will be made without descending.

One full-grown bull snake is capable of cleaning up all the gophers on an acre of alfalfa, according to the Kansas Agricultural College.

Crossbreeding of the woolly ox, or yak, of Asia with Galloway cattle is expected to produce ideal meat animals. Seven head of yak have been imported and the experiment will be carried on in Alaska, where the winter is too severe for ordinary cattle. The yak weighs about 1,100 pounds and has a coat of woolly hair three or four inches in length on the upper part of the body and longer hair on the neck, shoulders and underparts. The meat is similar to beef.

Out of every five marriages comes one divorce, according to statistics.

Rent profiteers are forbidden to charge higher rents in Buenos Aires than those in force before January 1, 1920. President Irigoyen recently signed and promulgated a new law to that effect.

San Francisco high school girls voted nine to one against silk stockings, fancy frocks, transparent dresses and pyramid hair dressing. Cotton stockings, middie blouses and wash dresses will be substituted.

Toys 1,900 years old were recently unearthed in the tomb of a little girl in Rome. In the child's hand was a coin of Tiberius—the ferryman's fee for crossing to the other side. A small doll and doll's silver candlestick also were found. The girl had dressed the dolls.

Silk woven from spider webs by the French in Madagascar is beautiful and strong. Female spiders, about three inches long, spin from 300 to 400 yards of web every day. The thread spun by this spider is as strong, in proportion to its size, as the finest steel cable.

Sectional steel bridges, which were constructed during the war for use in Europe, have been turned over by the War Department to the Department of Agriculture, which has placed many of them on roadways in the National Forests, where they are used to span streams.

The percentage of illiteracy in Japan is lower than that of the United States.

The ordinary house fly makes journeys of five to six miles in 24 hours, according to experiments conducted by the Bureau of Entomology.

Traffic at Columbus Circle, New York City, was blocked 15 minutes recently, when motorists and pedestrians halted on their way home to rescue a squirrel which had wandered from a park to Broadway.

A new test for gold has been perfected by the United States Bureau of Standards. Electric sparks jumping from one bar of gold to another are photographed through a diffraction grating revealing minute quantities of baser metals. The highest grade of the San Francisco mint, known as "1000 fine gold," is but 99.997 pure.

A telephone connecting pedestrians on the sidewalk to demonstrators in show windows is a new way of attracting attention to advertised goods. The demonstrator has a telephone on a table in the show window with connections outside under a sign reading: "Answer the phone!" A button rings the outside telephone and the pedestrian usually responds and the demonstrator endeavors to interest him further.

Supersensitive instruments in the United States Bureau of Standards at Washington are of such delicacy and precision that the mere presence of the operator's body is sufficient to generate heat enough to disturb the machine's accuracy. Another instrument shows the loss of weight due to reduction of the earth's atmosphere when two pieces of metal are weighed one on another instead of being weighed side by side.

Poverty has hit the historic Latin Quarter of Paris. Where 12,000 students attended the lectures at the Sorbonne in 1919, only 7,000 names were entered last year. Unfavorable rates of exchange force many students to go to German universities instead of to France.

Salmon, marked four years ago at the hatchery, have returned to the hatchery on the Columbia River to spawn.

Bismarck's chef is now a janitor in the Capitol at Washington.

Nine-tenths of the annual mortality from lightning occurs in the rural districts and towns and villages of 2,500 inhabitants or less.

The right of a man to eat in his shirt sleeves in a public dining hall has been upheld by an Oklahoma court.

Contending that the average police officer is as alert and intelligent as the average citizen and that he continuously carries his life in his hands while doing his duty in protecting the public, the city police forces of New Jersey cities have issued an organized protest against the manner in which police officers, sheriffs, constables and judges are caricatured on the screen, holding that it brings the institutions of law into ridicule and has a bad effect on the public mind.

An orchestra plays every afternoon from 4 until 6 in a large barber shop in New York City.

Detective schools have been established by the Department of Justice. The curriculum includes study of such technicalities as the laws of search and arrest, rudiments of evidence, rights of citizens and preparation of cases for prosecution.

A twentieth century Robinson Crusoe has been found living on an island in the Caroline group. He was shipwrecked in 1901 and was the only white man living there. He was befriended and admitted to the tribe of a native chief, who ruled the island.

Military tanks were used in England to check heath fires this summer. All efforts to check heath fire flames near Aldershot failed until a detachment of tanks, with water and chemicals, cleared the way for the fire fighters who followed through.

"War does not pay," so declares Pierre S. du Pont, chairman of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company. This maker of munitions says that his company has lost, as a result of the war through taxation, accrued profits of 20 years.

Discarded hats constitute a real problem for hotels of New York. One chain of hotels rounded up more than 3,000 discarded hats, collected from rooms where they had been left by patrons. The discarded hats will be sent to Central Europe for distribution.

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